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## BPU to host pre-march breakfast and rally

BY ANNE MILLER  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The Black Peoples' Union is sponsoring a men-only breakfast and a student-wide pre-march rally on the Marvin Center's H Street terrace Monday morning in preparation for the Million Man March to the Capitol later in the afternoon.

The rally is intended to prepare students who will participate in the Million Man March on The Mall, said Rafi Crockett, BPU officer for student affairs.

The march, coordinated by the Rev. Louis Farrakhan of the Nation of Islam, is intended to serve as a "day of atonement" for black men and to focus on the needs and problems facing today's black men, Crockett explained.

"At 9 a.m. we will have a breakfast for men who are marching or anyone else, such as faculty and staff workers," Crockett said. The breakfast is for men only, she stressed, but participants do not have to be African-American.

After breakfast, at 10 a.m., gospel singers and other speakers will prepare students for the march. The BPU and other marchers will then proceed by Metro to the march on The Mall in front of the Capitol.

Akosua Walker, president of BPU, said she expects a "pretty good response" to the BPU's pre-march rally. She said 100 to 150 people have indicated they are coming.

University officials announced last week that classes will be held as scheduled Monday, dispelling rumors that immense traffic problems would force the cancellation of classes for the day. March supporters estimate that as many as 10,000 buses have been chartered to bring up to 1,000,000 marchers from across the country to the city Monday.

The University has enacted a "liberal leave policy" on Monday for faculty and administration officials who wish to attend the march, though.

"(This is) a wonderful statement by the University to allow people to

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## Students frustrated by Mitchell flooding

### Pipe clog leaves residents high and dry

BY EMILY DANYLUK  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Freshman Nora Giesel was in for a surprise Wednesday when she returned to her Mitchell Hall room from the shower to find her sink filled with greenish water.

After further investigation, she discovered her neighbor, junior Stephen Geisler, with whom she shares a drainage pipe, also had a water-filled sink.

"I reported it at about 7 p.m. and nothing seemed to happen," Giesel said. She contacted her resident assistant, but because it was after regular business hours, Resident Director Jerome Offord had to authorize the overtime for the plumber.

Offord was in a meeting at the time and was unable to call Top Watch, the after-hours facilities management firm in charge of contracting plumbers, until about 10 p.m. More than an hour later, when nothing had happened, he called again.

"Thank God she left her room open," said sophomore Meg Herseith, Giesel's neighbor. "She wanted to escape to the Lincoln Memorial for a little bit since her room was totally inhospitable because of the stench."

Sophomore neighbor Rita Colbert compared the smell to green algae.

"Our RA wanted to see the damage because we had been complaining for hours," Herseith continued, "(and) it's great we walked in because the sink went 'glub' and water started streaming over the side like a waterfall. If we hadn't been there, everything would have been basically ruined. Then we heard Stephen in the next room and we knew he had the same problem."

Giesel said she was outraged when she returned to her room hours

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photo by Nora Giesel

A plumber snakes the drain of the sink in a Mitchell Hall room. The room was flooded last week by clogged drains and the plumber did not arrive to fix it for hours.

## GW's underage drinkers feel sting at local bars

### Students haven't changed despite crackdown

BY JESSICA GLASSER AND  
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HATCHET STAFF WRITERS

The freshmen who arrived in Thurston in the fall of 1995 have it different than those who moved in four years ago. This year's seniors had triples in rooms which are now quads, never dealt with closed-circuit TV cameras in the hallways and knew J Street only as a Washington Post Magazine column.

Something else has changed drastically. The letters "ABC" have crept into students' vocabularies, a term as foreboding as the similar "ANC."

Gone are the days of showing a bouncer a note from mom or flashing a smile and a promise that "I'm 21, I just left my ID at home." With the increased presence of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, local establishments have paid dearly for that kind of lenience in recent months.

The citation of Mr. Henry's Washington Circle, known among students as the place that only

asks to see GW ID for admission, was the most recent - and some students believe, the most drastic - move by the ABC in cracking down on underage drinking.

In 1992-93, alcohol violations accounted for 116 of 356 judicial violations, or 32 percent. Two years later, that number was 221 of 427, or 48 percent.

Mike Walker, Student Judicial Services administrator, said these numbers do not reflect a decrease in underage drinking.

"We're still sending students to the hospital, we're still writing students up for drunk and disorderly behavior," he said.

He added that while students may not be getting into bars, they are still coming back to campus drunk.

Senior Matt Palasek, a resident assistant in Thurston Hall, said he doesn't think underage drinking has decreased since he was a freshman. "Kids are still going to bars ... they see it as an acceptable risk," he said. "I do not know anybody

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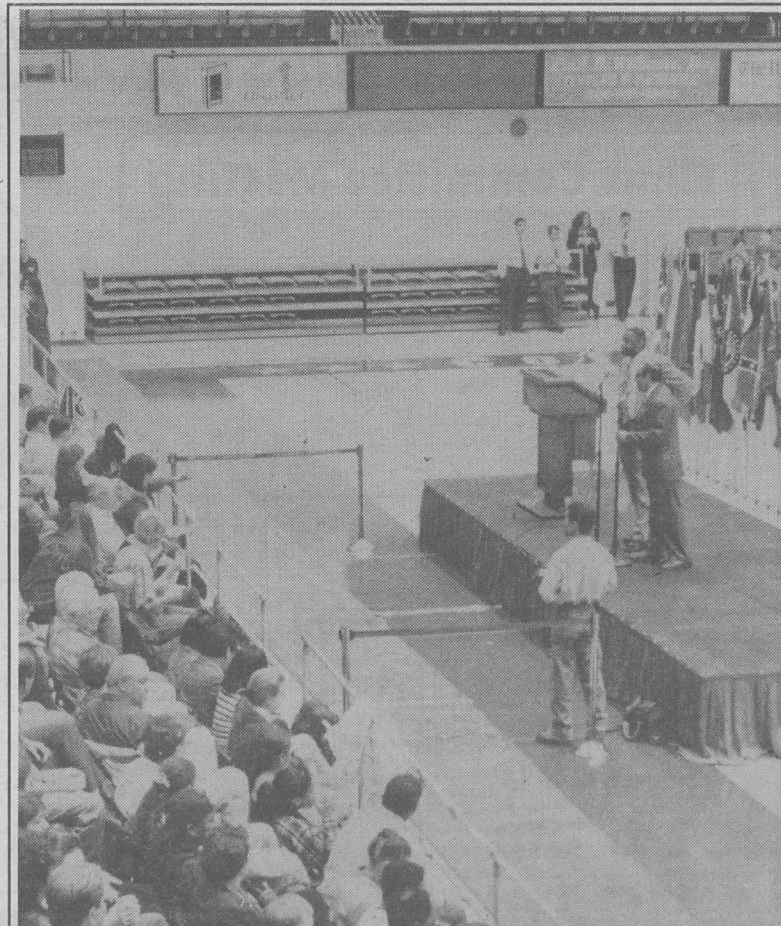


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Rodney Johnson, director of Parent Services, and Fred Siegel, executive director of Enrollment Management, don sunglasses as they imitate "The Blues Brothers" Saturday morning at the Parents Weekend Opening Convention.

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Talkin' loud and sayin' nothing

# Our mistakes can destroy much more than ourselves

I had a little too much to drink – at least too much to be driving – one Saturday night about three and a half years ago. But I had only two miles to go to get home, and figured I had no viable alternative but to drive. What was I supposed to do, sleep at Rob's place and worry my parents? It was positively frigid that night. I was tired. I wanted to go home. So I started the car and hoped it wouldn't die.

A complete whiteout blew up on the way, turning the windshield into

a fog of ice with a single gust of wind. I pulled over five times in those two miles, trying to look out of a spot on the windshield the size of the palm of my hand and trying to keep my breath from obscuring that line of vision. The entire time – it seemed like hours – I cursed myself and swore I'd never drive drunk again.

People have died for making such mistakes.

Brian Cook did.

I read the headline in The

Washington Post almost a month ago. Two University of Virginia students were killed in a drunk-driving accident. But I didn't know until almost two weeks later that I knew the passenger.

When someone close to you dies, it is a catastrophe. When someone you've never heard of dies, it is a statistic. When someone in between – an acquaintance, a friend of a friend – dies, it is something completely different.

I did not know Brian well

enough to love him. His death marks more than a nameless incident and less than a hole in my life. There is no five-stage grief cycle. It's a fear cycle, and it started when Rob, whose place I should have stayed at three years ago, called.

Rob had grown up with Brian. They were best friends. "I've done a lot of comparison thinking between you and him," Rob said when I called him back a few days after he told me the news.

I never asked him what exactly he meant by that. I was too preoccupied with comparisons of my own. How many times have I dodged the bullet? How many times have I been guided out of danger?

"He was going to be in Billings and I wasn't going to be far away," Rob said. "When he finished law school he was going to come back to Montana."

"I'm starting to see all the things that death does to you."

Rob not only had planned to see Brian again. He had counted on it, as if it was some inexorable fact. The plans Brian had for himself were not his alone. It had never before occurred to me what someone other than myself might be planning with me.

Brian and the driver were returning from an off-campus fraternity rush event when the accident occurred. Perhaps U.-Va. should reconsider its policy that prohibits alcohol at on-campus rush events. And there definitely should have been a designated driver.

But a death resulting from the

same mistake I've made is the cheapest possible opportunity to climb upon the soapbox. For all I know, Brian might have had only two miles to go to get home. What was he supposed to do, crash at some strangers' house or in some field or wherever he was partying? He made only the mistake of figuring he had no viable alternative.

I can't point the finger at anyone for Brian Cook's death. I can grow older and wiser and minimize my mistakes, but I wonder if I'll always take the time to think. It seems all I can do is thank God for luck.

I once stood with a few friends staring at a Mercury Sable, flipped over and totaled on a steep embankment on a desolate stretch of dirt road. We marveled that there was seemingly nothing to keep the car from continuing to roll down the ravine another 100-150 feet. Had one of the three passengers not been able to climb out and get back to the keg party for help, we would have driven right past that ravine.

Anything can happen walking home alone at four in the morning. Anything can happen when you have sex with someone before you've had a conversation. Anything can happen when you don't think about yourself – and those thinking about you.

There but for the grace of God go I, never having to pay for my mistakes.

Not yet.

-Dave Larimer

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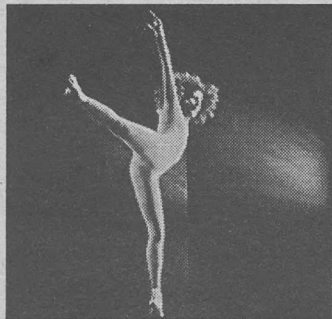


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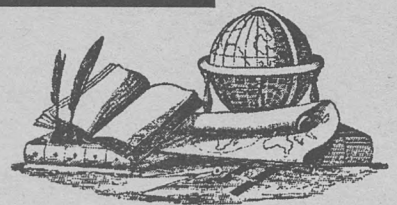
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# Doctoral student sues GW for \$50 million

BY ANNE MILLER  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

A GW doctoral candidate who failed to receive his degree after seven years of research is suing the University for \$50 million.

In 1988, Jose Mendez received permission from GW to begin work on his doctoral thesis for the University's engineering department. He said he presented his thesis and argued his case before University professors multiple times, but was not granted a doctorate degree.

Mendez claims he was treated unfairly by GW. In his deposition, he alleges the University failed to provide promised financial support, refused to allow his thesis to be reviewed by experts outside the University, asked him to alter the nature of his research and insisted he delete his acknowledgment paragraph thanking God for enabling him to complete his thesis.

Emotional distress and the loss of potential salary are two of the eight counts Mendez said he is suing for. "My whole family is in limbo," he explained, "and I cannot work in my field of expertise."

"I had no choice but to bring this issue to court because, as a human being, I cannot let this happen" to anyone else, he added.

Mendez also alleges University officials forged signatures and wrote extortion letters to him.

University officials, however, said in their response to court interrogations that professors normally

abide by University policy and that Mendez's failure to complete his doctoral thesis is his own fault.

It is not University policy, officials said, to grant financial support to doctoral research.

Mike Freedman, GW's director of public affairs, said the University maintains that Mendez's case is without merit and the University's lawyers are vigorously defending the position taken by GW.

"The University sees absolutely no merit" in Mendez's case, which includes Mendez's allegations of "unethical, biased contracting" and "fabricating material and lying," Freedman said.

"Normally we don't comment on pending litigation," Freedman added, but "we don't believe this case holds water."

Mendez listed various GW engineering professors and deans in his deposition and in other discussions, including GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg. None of the professors would comment on the case and Trachtenberg's office said the president knew nothing about the case.

Mendez is representing himself in court because of disagreements with his lawyers over critical witnesses in his case. His former lawyers also declined to comment, citing the fact that the case has not yet been resolved.

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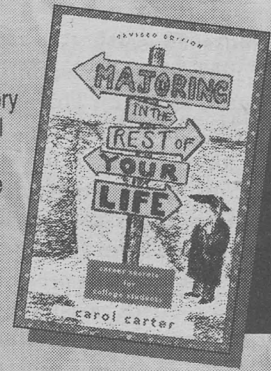
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## Weld-fare

Just last year Massachusetts Gov. William Weld, a moderate Republican, publicly opposed a House bill requiring states to cut off welfare to unwed teenage mothers. This year he is proposing to impose the exact same requirement in his state. What made him change his mind? It could be the skyrocketing crime rate. It could be his concern about the disintegrating family structure in many communities. It could be the fact that he plans to run for a Senate seat next year against incumbent Democrat John Kerry.

Regardless, Weld is the latest to press the hot-button topic of welfare reform. There is the realistic possibility that he may get the opportunity to implement his proposal – a welfare reform bill passed by the U.S. Senate allows states to cut off aid to single mothers under 18, while a version passed by the House requires it. While everyone is searching for ways to cut the welfare rolls and address the larger question of America's families in crisis, this method is a woefully misguided attempt to connect morality and money.

Weld's proposal, as well as the bills in the House and Senate, assume two-parent households and family values will magically appear when a reactionary law is dangled in front of welfare recipients. Thus far, not a word has been spoken of providing options for women on welfare, such as birth control; nor of a proactive campaign to keep children on welfare from having children; nor of any address of deadbeat fathers. The proposal is merely a scare tactic used against those women already at risk.

Weld is ostensibly promoting families by promoting this proposal, but he levies his entire threat against mothers, doing nothing to monitor the responsibility of illegitimate fathers. He claims he wants to decrease crime and welfare dependency, but is providing welfare children with no more options to avoid those traps. His public intention is to play problem-solver, but his private ambitions for the Senate are showing through.

## The great bumpkins

Witches and ghoulies and ghosts, oh my!

The most frightening occurrence this Halloween is not the Freddy Krueger mask little Johnny wants to wear to school, but the fact that somewhere he is not allowed to. From the stranger-than-fiction department, Los Altos, Calif., school district officials have banned all Halloween observances from its public schools. Apparently those appointed to facilitate the learning of reading, writing and arithmetic have grown envious of the Grinch's job.

Administrators claim the banning of all Halloween activities is not political correctness gone mad, but the restoration of values. They assert Halloween is not an opportunity for children to dress in costumes, have some fun and score some candy, but an ancient Druidic celebration of the devil. They also assert the multitudes of Celtic Druids in the San Francisco suburbs gain an unfair advantage by being able to worship Samhain, the god of the dead, on school time while poor Christians and Jews have to celebrate their holidays at home.

This move marks not the restoration of values to public schools, but the further removal of them. It's an attempt to sanitize all character, creativity and fun from an increasingly stone-faced public education system. Does anyone regard Halloween as a serious religious holiday? Can anyone take these humorless officials seriously?

If you really want to frighten people this Oct. 31, dress up like a Los Altos school official.

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## Million Man March's message destroyed by Louis Farrakhan

On Aug. 28, 1963, the civil rights march on Washington was brought to a climax with the wise and inspirational words of Martin Luther King Jr. in his "I have a dream" speech.

Today this dream is mocked. The dream has been replaced by a nightmare. Today, the memory of Martin Luther King Jr. is desecrated, as thousands march behind a leader who said, "Hitler was a very great man."

The idea of black Americans getting together to heal and improve life has merit, honor and value which few Americans would deny. However, this idea is utterly mocked when Louis Farrakhan is at the helm. This is a man who threatened a Washington Post reporter by saying, "We will punish you by death."

One might say, "Why dwell on the negative points? I like Farrakhan because of the positive things he says." No sale. That is like saying I like David Duke because he favors lowering taxes, despite his being a former Ku Klux Klansman.

Even after Adolf Hitler spelled out his horrendous racist filth in *Mein Kampf*, Germans flocked to him at Nuremberg with fists in the air because he spoke of helping the plight of the German people.

Ninety-nine percent of the time Hitler opened his mouth, he was not speaking of killing Jews, homosexuals or communists, but of improving German life. He claimed he invaded other European countries in order to free "oppressed" Germans!

But that one percent of the time in which he spelled out his racism and anti-Semitism with such mal-

## Nick Wilder

ice, hate and deliberation told all that people needed to know, unless their heads were stuck in the sand.

Black Americans have suffered terribly from the evils of racism and prejudice. Improving the lives of blacks (and of everyone) necessitates throwing off racism and prejudice.

But what kind of a statement is "Some white people are going to live ... but (God) don't want them living with us"? How about saying that Judaism is a "dirty religion" and "the Jews can't defeat me so I will grind and crush them into little bits"? You guessed it. These are the words of none other than Louis Farrakhan. Does this throw off racism and prejudice?

So one might say, "I support this event not because of Farrakhan, but because of the general goal of helping the black community." But again, the henchman is Farrakhan, hiding amongst his thugs. It is *his* march.

Those who claim to support the same cause as Farrakhan – black American prosperity – are not guilty of anything. However, those who fall into his orbit are dragged down with him. No? How about if the Ku Klux Klan called for a march on Washington to improve family values? Would it be okay to amble down the street alongside them?

Don't be afraid to speak the truth about Farrakhan and what it means to support him. Don't relegate yourself to the role of sticking your head in the sand as history passes you by and mocks you. Racism and prejudice are bad for *all* people. Louis Farrakhan and his followers are seething with racism and prejudice. Therefore, Farrakhan and his followers are bad for *all* people.

Abraham Lincoln spoke of being touched by the "better angels of our nature." A man such as Martin Luther King Jr. surely was. Then there is Farrakhan. And each and every follower falls with him.

—Nick Wilder is a senior majoring in history.

## Meal plan making you sick? Read on

To say there is a lot of confusion in our meal plan program relative to where and when a student may eat would be an understatement. I am the first to admit to this. However, the system was in place when we began this school year and we are all at its mercy for 1995-96.

I can assure you that we, ARAMark and the University administration, are dealing with the situation and are working out plans to make the program more user-friendly in the future.

Allow me to attempt to put to rest some of the confusion as best I can. Please realize that the program became mired in ServiceMaster's attempt to meet student demand for more flexibility. With the flexibility came confusion.

To understand it all, let's begin with the basics:

The meals-per-week program is set up for three meals per day – breakfast, lunch and dinner – Monday through Friday, with brunch and dinner Saturday and Sunday. Thus the 19-meal program. The 14- and 10-meal plans allow a student to eat any 14 or 10 of these meals per week. Understand, if you are on a 10-meal plan and you eat breakfast, lunch and dinner three days a week, you will have only one meal available for the other four days. Naturally, the system works the same for the 14-meal plan.

The 19 meals available in any

week are set up in time zones in the automatic card reader system. The time zone for breakfast is 7:01 a.m.–11 a.m.; lunch zone is 11:01 a.m.–4 p.m.; dinner zone is 4:01 p.m.–8 p.m., Monday through Friday. Saturday and Sunday time zones are 11:01 a.m.–2 p.m. for brunch and 4:01 p.m.–7 p.m. for dinner.

These are the basics with which we have to work. Once you understand the basics, we can move on to the concept of meal equivalency.

While the 19-, 14-, and 10-meal

## Joe Carbone

plans are structured around the board dining program at Thurston, the meal equivalency program was designed to allow students the flexibility to have a meal at Mitchell Hall or J Street when there might be conflicts with class or work schedules which could prevent a student from eating at Thurston during the scheduled meal times.

The posted meal plan equivalency hours and rates show when you can avail yourself of the option. While there are five time zone options available Monday through Friday and four time zone options available Saturday and Sunday, it does not mean that you can use the option five times in one day. The

meal equivalency options follow the basic plan of three meals available daily, Monday through Friday, and two meals on Saturday and Sunday.

Therefore, if you choose to have breakfast at Thurston or J Street between 7:01 a.m. and 11 a.m., the next time zone available to you would be 11:01 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you use your lunch option at J Street at 1:30 p.m., your next time zone available to you would be 4:01 p.m.–8 p.m. Let's suppose a work schedule prevented you from eating a meal in that time zone, then you could use the late night meal equivalency at J Street or Mitchell between 8:01 p.m. and 11 p.m.

The sum total of all this is that you can elect to eat one meal in any of the basic time zones in Thurston, Mitchell or J Street until your allotment of 19, 14 or 10 meals is exhausted.

A word of caution about Saturday and Sunday. There are the two basic meal zones for brunch (11:01 a.m.–2 p.m.) and dinner (4:01 p.m.–7 p.m.). There are also two additional meal equivalency zones, 7:01 a.m.–11 a.m. for breakfast and 8:01 p.m.–11 p.m. for late night. If you use breakfast equivalency, you cannot use your brunch time zone; if you use your dinner zone, you cannot use late night.

—Joe Carbone is the general manager of GW dining services.

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## Students address issues in the O.J. aftermath

BY ELENI GIAZIKIS  
HATCHET REPORTER

Just when you thought you had heard everything about O.J. Simpson, the Program Board's Multicultural Affairs Committee took a different approach to the infamous "trial of the century" Thursday night in the Thurston Hall Piano Lounge.

PB sponsored the event for students candidly to discuss money matters, race relations and gender relations in society in the aftermath of the Simpson verdict.

Jason Toney, Multicultural Affairs Committee chair and leader of the discussion, said the gathering would not include debate about the guilt or innocence of Simpson.

"We will discuss the cultural issues that the trial raises," Toney said. "After all, these are the issues that affected us as a nation."

Under this assumption, the questions began to surface. Did Simpson beat the system with money? Toney claimed the system is usually stacked against a defendant.

For accused people throughout the country, a public defender usually receives \$183 to \$2,000 to vindicate the client, Toney said. A prosecutor, on the other hand, generally receives \$30,000 to \$100,000 per case. Simpson, however, received ample representation, he added.

Senior GJ Collomb, a resident assistant in Thurston Hall, said he believed Simpson was not the epitome of the average black man. "He was merely a black man fighting a white system," he said.

Students at the meeting questioned whether the jubilation over Simpson's acquittal will be short-lived and if whites will want to reclaim justice.

Toney said he believes they do. After the King verdict, he said, blacks performed "an active right" by rioting in Los Angeles.

"After the O.J. trial," Toney predicted, "whites will exercise a private right that will rear its ugly head through discrimination privately."

The discussion progressed from race to what many said was going to be the real schism in society - gender relations. Students discussed the composition of the jury, which was largely female, in relation to the issue of domestic violence and how women feel about it.

Collomb said he believes the jury pool in the United States is largely uneducated and made up of members of the lower middle class. "These people may be more apt to accept and overlook (domestic) abuse," Collomb added.

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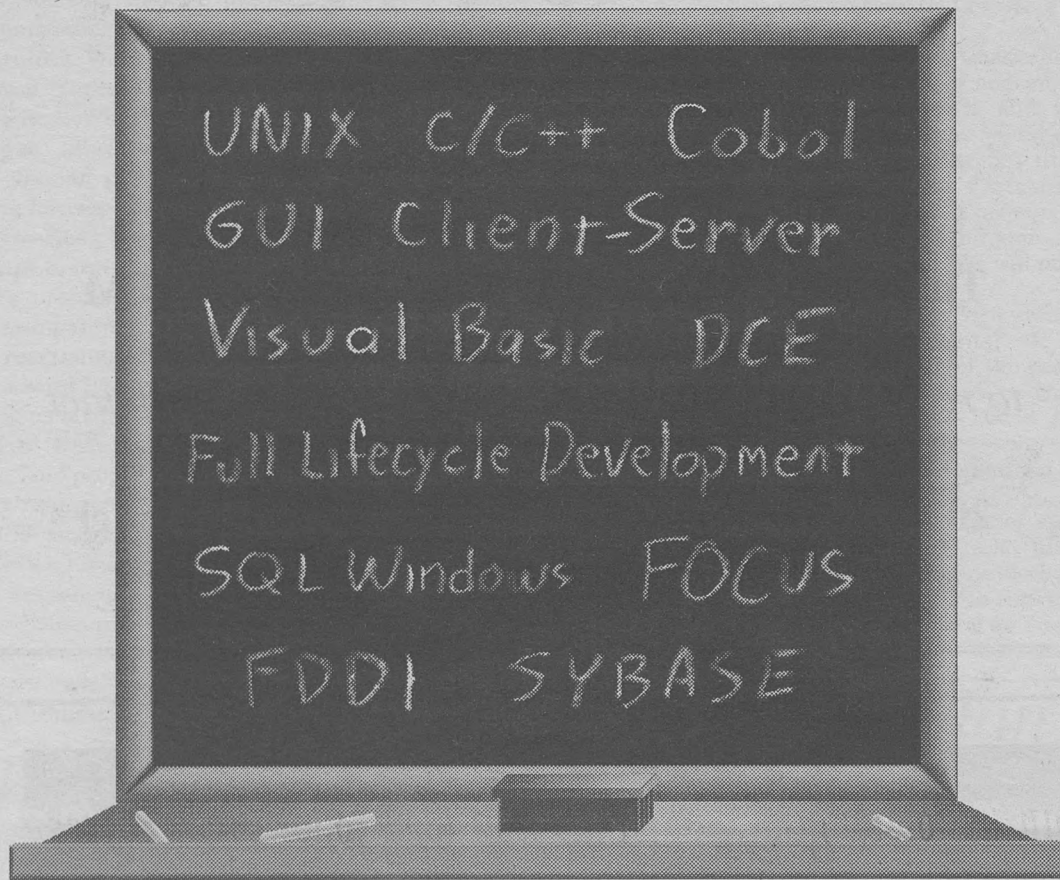
ciate director of External Affairs for the ESIA, the Blands created the endowment "in fond memory of the fine education they received at GW."

They intended the endowment to fund lectures and seminars by prominent scholars and practitioners in international affairs and to support adjunct and visiting professors to the school.

The first Bland professorship will be held by the former

Uruguayan Ambassador to the United States and Iceland, Dr. Eduardo MacGillycuddy. He will teach undergraduate courses in economic integration systems and inter-American relations this year. In the spring, MacGillycuddy will teach a graduate course in Spanish, the first of its kind to be offered by the Elliott School.

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## SA resurrects review of academic courses Guide to be ready by end of October

BY ILENE CLAUSON  
HATCHET REPORTER

Students will soon have a resource available to guide them in course selection again. The Student Association has completed work on the Academic Review, a compilation of information on classes and professors taken from student surveys.

Those surveys, distributed during the 1995 spring semester, allowed students to evaluate the classes in which they were currently enrolled and the professors of those classes.

According to Sen. Scott Mory (CSAS), chair of the Senate's academic affairs committee, about 65 percent of the students surveyed returned the questionnaire. He said this relatively high return rate helped provide an accurate report of classrooms, work load and professors to the student body.

The Review, last printed in the spring of 1993, is the culmination of two years of work, Mory said. Along with the cooperative effort of many SA members, administration and faculty members also contributed to the guide.

Dr. Sharon Rogers, associate vice president of academic affairs, and Dr. Gideon Frieder, dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Science, were two of the main faculty members involved in the creation of the Review.

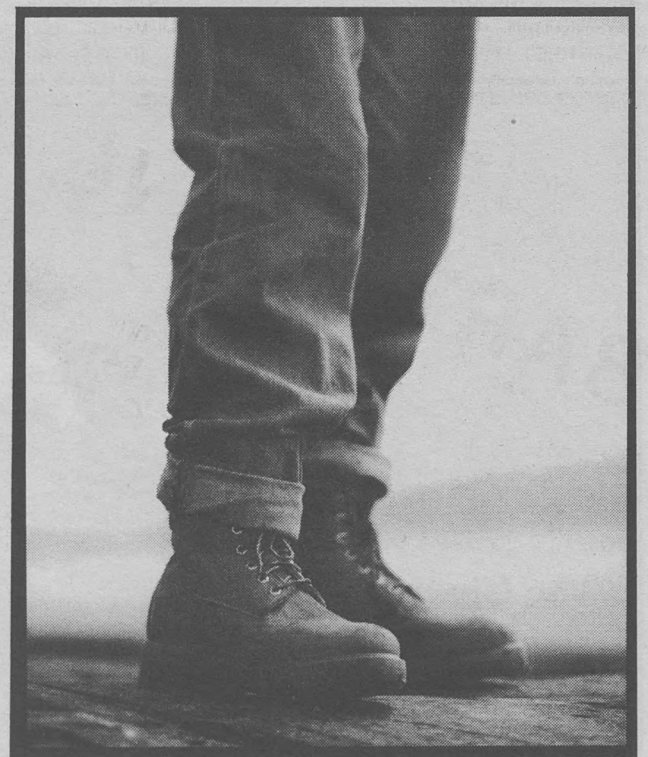
The body of the survey consisted of seven statements with which students were to agree or disagree. The statements centered on class presentation and materials of the professor; instructor availability; the quality of spoken English of the professor; and the likelihood the student would enroll in another one of the professor's classes, Mory said.

The results of these evaluations, along with course requirements (tests, quizzes, papers, textbooks), will appear in the Review.

Mory said he expects the guide to be available to students around Oct. 30. All courses, except for those in the School of Medicine and Health Sciences and the National Law Center, will have information in the Review.

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# Parents check out GW life during weekend

BY RACHEL JENSEN  
HATCHET REPORTER

Even the stormy weather Saturday couldn't dull the enthusiasm students and parents felt this weekend as hundreds of GW parents and prospective students descended on campus for the annual Family Weekend/Open House.

Events ranging from tours of Foggy Bottom to Free Improvisation Student Dancing to meeting with deans and faculty were only part of the appeal the weekend held for parents and families of GW students.

The festivities officially began Friday and continued through Sunday. Saturday morning, University officials welcomed the visitors at the Opening Convention, where GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg and Student Association President Mark Reynolds were among those who addressed the crowd.

On Saturday afternoon, the Parents Association got together for its annual meeting and luncheon in the Marvin Center. Trachtenberg and Director of Parent Services Rodney L. Johnson

welcomed the parents.

Following the meeting, Parents Association President Gayle

Herschopf said the highlight of the weekend was meeting other GW parents.

Herschopf, whose daughter Melissa is a junior, said coming to GW is always a pleasant experience. "It's like coming back to see a friend," Herschopf

**"It's nice to see our children as students, in their environment, in their city."**

GW Parent said.

The Colonnade Gallery displayed a photography show of GW over the years entitled "From Strength to Strength" as part of the 175th Anniversary celebration. One of the captions explained how Foggy Bottom and D.C. are a part of the appeal to students at GW.

"It's mind boggling that the students can view this city as their backyard," Herschopf said. "Things that (other) people are in awe of become so commonplace to the students."

"It's nice to see our children as students in their environment, in their city," said one GW parent, who did not want her name to be used to avoid embarrassing her child. "GW does a good job of creating a healthy learning environment."

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# impressions

## Oasis tells What's the story in Baltimore

After smashing show, group discusses rivalry with Blur, hopes for U.S. tour

BY JOSEF NOVOTNY  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Oasis lead singer Liam Gallagher has big bushy eyebrows and looks inquisitively at you when you speak to him. He could almost be the fifth Beatle.

"Well, the whole thing has gotten overblown," he said in an interview Tuesday night after the group's show at Hammerjacks in Baltimore, referring to Oasis' rivalry with Blur.

"They are a load of shite, and that's it! Give it a rest."

It is obvious that Liam is exasperated. Oasis is on tour, supporting its latest album entitled (*What's the story?*) *Morning Glory* (Epic), which has received lukewarm reviews from American and British music critics.

"Most fans seem to be quite pleased (with the album), and so are we," Liam said. "This is the first night of our tour, and so we'll see how everyone in this country responds to the new material. But we're still the same band, and we're writing material that we would've done, even if we weren't going to be playing to 50,000 people next month in England."

I had seen Oasis three times before Tuesday's performance, and I knew behind the attitude and egos, the members of Oasis were probably a little nervous about how they are going to fare on this side of the Atlantic.

No need to worry, though: Oasis gave the best performance Tuesday I have ever seen. Opening with an instrumental entitled "Swamp Song" and then going into its best B-side "Acquiesce," Oasis was at warp speed. They pushed ahead further by playing "Supersonic" third.

New drummer Alan White showed he is a better musician than former drummer Tony McCarroll, and substitute bassist Scott MacLeod plays in place of permanent bassist Paul McGuigan for this tour. The new rhythm section was a definite plus, and they complemented well guitarist Noel Gallagher's brilliant playing.

Noel Gallagher is the core of Oasis. The band is great as a whole, but the highlight of the performance was after "Champagne Supernova," Oasis' own "Stairway to Heaven" or "Freebird." As the band left the stage, Noel strapped on an acoustic guitar and played "Wonderwall" and "Cast No Shadow" from the new album.

Not only is Noel a better singer than his brother Liam, but his short acoustic set proved further he alone is the driving force behind Oasis. No matter which musicians play in the band, Noel is the heart and soul, and where he goes, Oasis will follow.

Oasis played "Don't Look Back in Anger," "Live Forever" and "Rock-n-Roll Star" in an encore. By the end of the show, most people in the audience were mesmerized, awestruck or just upset the show was over so quickly. Though not much to look at, Oasis showed it is a leading contender for the best British band and beyond.

The Verve was supposed to open for Oasis, but the group broke up just before leaving England. Instead, Acetone was the opener and it was far less impressive than Oasis. With a disco ball suspended over the drummer, Acetone's mellow sound was like a bad drug trip that went on and on, with little to make it a memorable band.

## The Geraldine Fibbers' fine efforts lost as conflicting sounds merge

Debut album straddles line between blaring guitars and soft vocals with muddled results

BY TATIANA K. FIX  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The Geraldine Fibbers formed in early 1994 in Los Angeles and recently produced their 12-track debut album *Lost Somewhere Between the Earth and My Home* (Virgin). The album's title is both beguiling and appropriate, bearing in mind the time and society in which we live. And, in light of the lyrics, the Fibbers are undoubtedly troubled and mysterious.

The band includes singer Carla Bozulich, lead guitarist Daniel Keenan, drummer Kevin Fitzgerald, bassist William Tutton and violinist/violist Jessie Greene. It's difficult to assess the music in this album, because it sounds mysteriously esoteric and uncommon. Although the Fibbers' music is classified as rock, it tends to deviate from the conventional rock we know.

Moreover, it seems as if the Fibbers are purposely trying to confuse us. "Lilybelle" starts off with a beautiful violin sound, but is taken over by a strong, jarring guitar. Then the song slows again, allowing Bozulich's voice to shine through. Unfortunately, the song changes once again, this time adding a variety of incoherent, strident, awful sounds. Sadly, these completely out-of-tune chords constitute almost the whole album.

What baffles the listener is whether this out-of-tune business is done purposely. Also, in some songs, the guitar is so strong and



Amateur Geraldine Fibbers' debut tosses too many sounds together.

thunderous that Bozulich's voice gets lost somewhere in the middle. In "House of Falling," the guitar is almost the only thing you can hear. At least if Keenan knew how to play the guitar, things would be different.

The Fibbers recorded the album in Seattle, and it appears they are trying unsuccessfully to incorporate some of Seattle's grunge sound into their music.

"Marmalade" could be a good song if it had melody. And where's the chorus? It's impossible to detect. Nevertheless, its viola is truly beautiful and appealing. What's Greene doing in this band anyway? She's too talented.

The lyrics in this album portray a person with a somewhat troubled nature and screwed-up head. While some songs' lyrics appear to

be a result of someone's disrupted imagination, others have Bozulich singing about a girl and perhaps a broken affair. Furthermore, some of the lyrics are awfully depressing: "Everything I say is a stupid lie/I'm so bored I sleep/I won't tell the truth even when I die."

The Geraldine Fibbers' debut album has some positive attributes, however, such as the violin, the viola and Bozulich's voice. It is an adequate album. The group's main drawback is an over-emphasis on the guitar, and a failure to produce a song with a clear chorus or melody. Since this is a debut album, perhaps the Fibbers were just experimenting or fooling around. But that's hard to believe, and would be to their disadvantage, considering the competition in the music world today.

## Two fishy groups reel in praise after D.C. show

BY MATT STUMPF  
HATCHET REPORTER

I have seen the future and it is Catfish Jenkins.

As if Athens, Ga., hadn't done enough for the modern rock scene,

this Athens quartet has emerged from the shadows of an R.E.M.-dominated town and brought to the stage an enjoyable mix of fluid guitar riffs and vocal musings reminiscent of Live or even R.E.M. itself.

But the band succeeds on another

level. With vocalist and acoustic guitarist Wes Yoakum providing an acoustic foundation and bassist Bryan Gillet plowing through some of the most energizing bass figures I've heard in a while, the band goes to a place not many bands have

gone: acoustic-based music which feels like it's plugged in.

From this acoustic platform, electric guitarist Ian Brown, a seemingly unassuming, soft-spoken man, shows music can speak louder and stronger than words. With the cleanest guitar sound this side of U2's The Edge, Brown adds classical, string-like melodies and harmonies to the mix. An Ian Brown guitar solo is worth a trip to any club, as was the case Friday night at the Bayou.

Catfish Jenkins has been together in one form or another for three years since Brown and Yoakum formed the band, but the recent addition of Gillet and drummer Riley Scott has added something special.

"We're starting to see people singing along at the shows," said singer/guitarist Yoakum in an interview. "It's nice to see people knowing us and enjoying the music."

The band's new album, *Normaltown*, was released on tiny Birmingham, Ala.-based Kudzu Records. For now though, Catfish

Jenkins is content. "We've sold discs all over the country," said Yoakum. "We're just sort of waiting to see what happens."

As of now, success seems almost inevitable. At Friday's show, they saw a small crowd swell into a wild, cheering full house. The end of the set was met with an ovation every time Yoakum tried to come out to pack up his amp.

Following Catfish Jenkins was Leftover Salmon, a Boulder, Colo., band specializing in music self-described as "polyethnic cajun slamgrass." The broad range of styles, including reggae, zydeco and bluegrass, always proves interesting.

Vocalist/guitarist Vince Herman led the band through a set of diverse, competent musicianship, as well as quite a bit of fun. While the crowd laughed and danced, the band supplied a danceable background full of tunes from their new album *Ask the Fish* (Bert Music). As Drew Emmitt drew cheers with his amazing mandolin work, Mark Vann fired away on his electric banjo.



Bohemian Leftover Salmon joined Catfish Jenkins Friday night at the Bayou for an entertaining show which was anything but reheated.



## SPOTLIGHT

ts **Drinking at GW: have students' habits changed?****The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board got tough, but GW students have not stopped consuming alcohol**

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who has not gone out because they're afraid of getting caught."

Another Thurston RA, senior Sean Brown, shares those sentiments. "I would say (underage students) are still finding their ways" despite the ABC's crackdown, he said.

He said freshmen and other underage students are limited in their choices now, but those who want to go out are still going out.

"I think everyone has that 'it's not going to happen to me' attitude until it does happen to them," he added.

**What students are saying**

Many students wonder if venturing into bars once considered "safe" will cost them a run-in with the ABC. They said they feel the effects of the agency's increased presence in local bars and clubs.

One G.G. Flipp's patron, Josh, a junior who did not want to give his last name asked, "Why is it that the D.C. Police have nothing better to do than to bother us (students) on a Thursday night?"

Many other students do not see the ABC's actions as having a lasting effect. Gina, a junior who also chose not to divulge her last name, said the actions have "fil-

tered out a lot of the kids who have poor IDs, but I don't think they're going to be able to control it enough to stop it."

Junior Dave Albanese agreed. "When ABC comes in here, they scare people away for a little while, but then everybody comes back," he said.

"I went to a bar but I didn't go in because they told us that the ABC was going to catch them that night," said a 17-year-old freshman, who asked not to be identified.

Another freshman explained that it is more difficult to remain in a bar once getting into it. "If you're right next to a bouncer and you're

drinking, and you don't have a bracelet, they'll throw you out now because of the ABC."

Students said they believe this action is what the authorities are hoping for, but some say these reactionary responses are few and far between.

While students seem to avoid those places where the ABC has recently investigated, they say the area is abundant with bars which admit minors.

"It didn't take long for people to figure out (places that) don't card really hard. There are still bars out there, you just have to know where they are," said Brown.

The ABC has heightened the nerves of underage drinkers who have managed to enter past the bouncers. "I was out with some friends the other night, and they were drinking and saw some guys in suits come in, and the first words out of their mouths were 'oh, my God, it's the ABC,' and they put their drinks in their laps," Brown recounted.

As a way to avoid these close encounters, many students who have seen the growth of the ABC have noticed underage students finding alternatives, such as an increase in the number of fraternity parties and patronage of liquor stores, where carding is more lenient and less subject to raids by authorities.

And those recently hit by the ABC may see a decline in their revenue. "Now that Mr. Henry's is carding I'm not going to go there any more," said one freshman.

**What the bars are saying**

Reactions of area bars vary from those of students when it comes to the ABC. The predominant response from those who work at the bars is they have little or no problem with the board doing its job.

"The ABC comes in looking for people with fake IDs," said Alan Van Order, a manager at the Tequila Bar and Grill. "If anything,

it's helped us out. It's slowed our business down a little bit, but if it's keeping underage kids out, that's fine."

G.G. Flipp's disc jockey Saul Korin said he believes "the ABC has had a small effect on the drinking, but then again, kids just like to drink anyway." His co-worker, bartender Jeremy Pollock, said the bar's recent older crowd means "less worry for me."

The Exchange, Ltd., which has been cited for underage drinking once in its 23-year history, "doesn't cater to underage drinkers," according to Joshua Alpine, an assistant manager. "We try as hard as we can at the door to stop it, but how are we supposed to tell? This is an all-50 states city, an international city. There's no way to have a homogeneous form of ID."

Alpine has a theory behind the ABC's recent crackdown, which has little to do with liquor and minors.

"What the city is doing is not out of concern for underage drinking, but for the money," Alpine said. "None of these (Foggy Bottom area) bars have been caught red-handed, most have been set up."

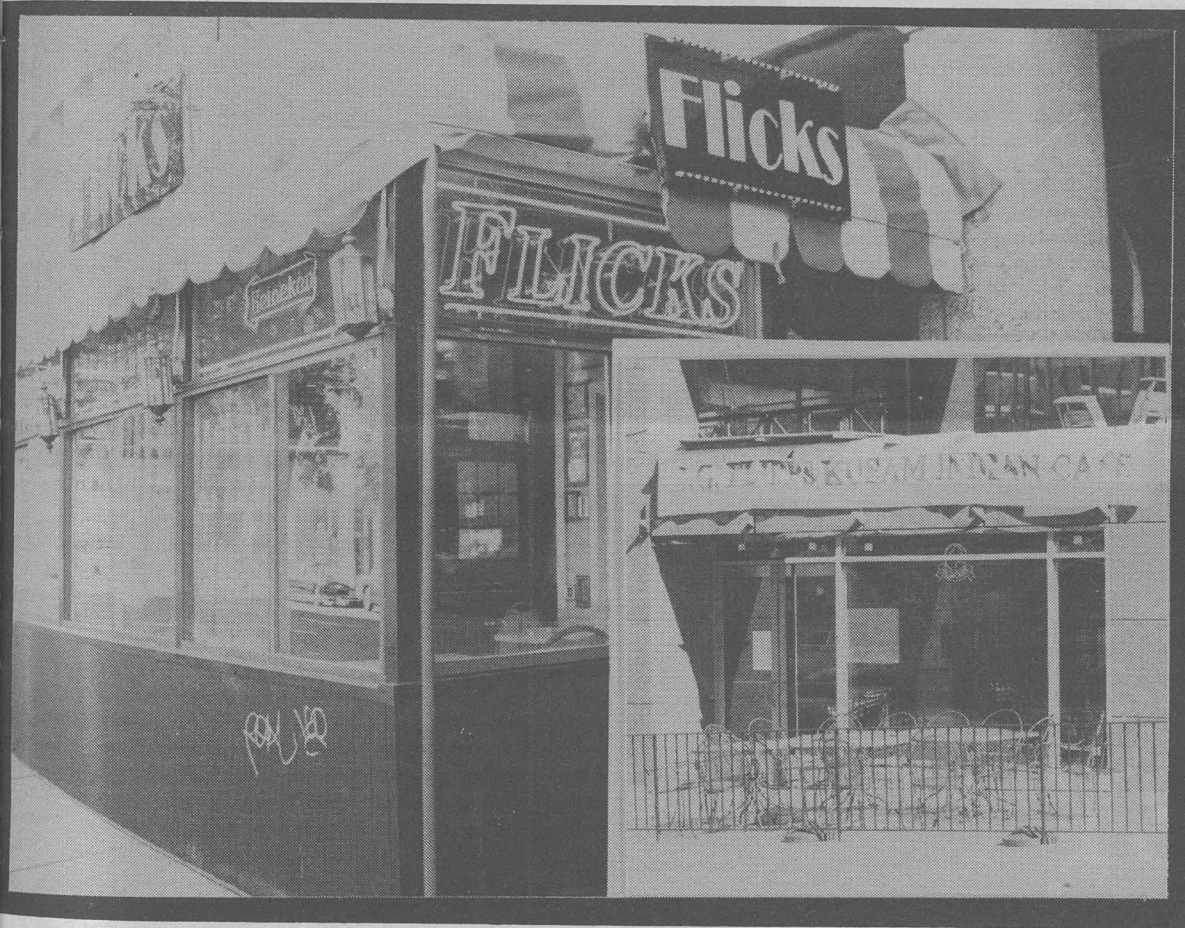
Dave Morrison, a bartender at T.G.I. Friday's, agreed with Alpine that area bars are being hit hard. "Fifty to 60 bars were cited in this area last spring semester alone," Morrison said.

At Friday's, three people came in and ordered drinks while ABC agents were sitting at the bar. One ID was altered, one expired and the third underage, he said.

"Bars have found ways around it and there's underage drinking more than ever," said Cheryl, a junior did not want her last name used. "There are fake IDs and there's letting in at 18 and 21."

But at G.G. Flipp's, Pollock said, "That's news to us. We're letting people in at 18 for the money. If people are scared to go out, we haven't been able to tell from in here."

-Michelle Von Euw  
contributed to this report.



photos by Daman Irby

ABC raids may have eased the crowds at area bars like Flicks and G.G. Flipp's (inset).

**Graduate class open to the nation****C-Span broadcasts weekly GSPM course on presidential campaigns**

BY STACEY NOLISH  
HATCHET REPORTER

Every university's dream is to be cast in the national spotlight — and what better way to do it than on cable television?

The Graduate School of Political Management offers an exciting opportunity for GW graduate students, and for people who tune into C-Span, to hear the latest from nationally known political figures.

Broadcast live most Monday nights from a classroom in the Hall of States, "Strategic Factors in Presidential Campaigns" focuses on topics such as rules, media, polling, research and money — all factors in running a "modern presidential campaign," according to teaching assistant Todd Webster.

The first half of each class includes a panel discussion which has featured experts in various fields. A lecture from one of the two professors, Maxine Isaacs or Jim Pinkerton,

followed by a class discussion, makes up second half of the class.

The Oct. 9 panel included R. W. Apple, head of the Washington bureau of The New York Times and labeled the "dean of the American press corps" by Isaacs; and Torie Clarke, the press secretary for the 1992 George Bush presidential campaign and a GW graduate.

"The beauty of the class is that you get people at the top of their fields," Webster said.

Isaacs, a professor from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, as well as deputy campaign manager and press secretary for Walter Mondale's 1984 presidential campaign, credits her political experience as a valuable asset in bringing in outstanding panels of experts.

As a professor, she said she attempts to give students "some ability and clues as to how to think critically about conventional wisdom."

Pinkerton, a columnist for The Los Angeles Times and

Newsday who played a major role in all three Republican presidential campaigns in the 1980s, also draws upon his past in Washington, citing anecdotes from his campaign experience. "This is the place to be," he said.

Isaacs said she enjoys dialogue with students, but admitted, "(It is) hard to do with 50 students."

Graduate student Seth Masket agreed. "(The class) has opened my eyes to some more of the issues of the '96 campaign and the panelists are great," he said. But he added that because of the size of the class, there's not much interaction between panelists and students.

Students and professors agree that the caliber of the panelists is a significant attraction to the class.

Pinkerton said in the past, he had never heard the panelist speakers really elaborate on what they do. "It helps you to organize your own thoughts and enables you to see facets of activities you weren't aware of," he said.

As many of the students are also full-time employees on Capitol Hill or with consulting firms, many said the class enhances their knowledge of politics and furthers their careers.

"It gives me a perspective and working knowledge of the stuff that goes on behind the scenes step by step," student Michelle Del Valle said.

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# SPOTLIGHT

## Law students help D.C. through consumer mediation hotline

BY JENNIFER RELLIS  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

A woman who has a problem with her dentures dials a "994" number in D.C. to obtain help. No, she hasn't called the GW Medical Center — she's trying to reach the National Law Center's Consumer Mediation Clinic.

The clinic, which operates through a hotline, is the only one of its kind in the D.C. area. The clinic's director, Professor Carol L. Izumi, said its main focus is "to try and help consumers and businesses negotiate and settle disputes without going to court."

The Clinic helps in disputes in which litigation is not involved and also provides referrals to other organizations.

Opportunities like the clinic are so popular that second- and third-year law students have to win a lottery before they can register for them.

Each of the 12 students in Izumi's class work about six hours a week at the hotline. In addition, they attend a related seminar where they discuss readings and write a paper based on one of their cases. They earn two to three academic credits and usually only take the class for one semester due to

the course's popularity.

Once the Clinic acquires background information and decides to work with a client, the case is assigned to a student who averages four to seven cases a semester. Cases can take anywhere from one week to two semesters to be resolved. Izumi said she tries to give the students a variety of cases — from billing problems, student loans, dry cleaning disputes and auto repairs to defective products.

The Clinic began in the 1970s, when it was called the Consumer Protection Center and was affiliated with Channel 4 — which earned Emmy Awards for its work with the clinic. In the '80s, the focus of the clinic shifted from consumer protection to mediation.

Izumi said she has seen an increase in calls to the hotline since other agencies have shut down or shrunk because of budget difficulties. She said the clinic is funded by the University and grants.

Most students say they enjoy working at the Clinic. Third-year law student Charles Suits said the clinic helps bridge the gap between the often abstract material taught in class and real life.

Suits lamented the loss of government organizations that no

longer assist the public with consumer problems. "The law says they have to do something, but no one answers the phone," he said.

Third-year law student Jessica Dingfelder said "the clinics figured heavily in the demonstration last year." Suits agreed that students had complained because they were paying a higher tuition, but the GW administration said there wasn't enough money to run the clinics.

She added that it was a shame to shut down the clinics when the students needed and wanted the experience, and the service was helpful to a lower class that might not be able to afford a lawyer.

Although the students cannot reveal the details of their cases due to the confidentiality of their clients, Suits said some of the cases were entertaining, like the woman who had problems with her dentures.

Izumi said the Clinic is "pretty well known within the community." She said she has persuaded a variety of sources to run public service announcements for the clinic, including National Public Radio's "All Things Considered," ABC's "Good Morning America," The Washington Post and even the soap opera "All My Children."

## A Family Affair ...

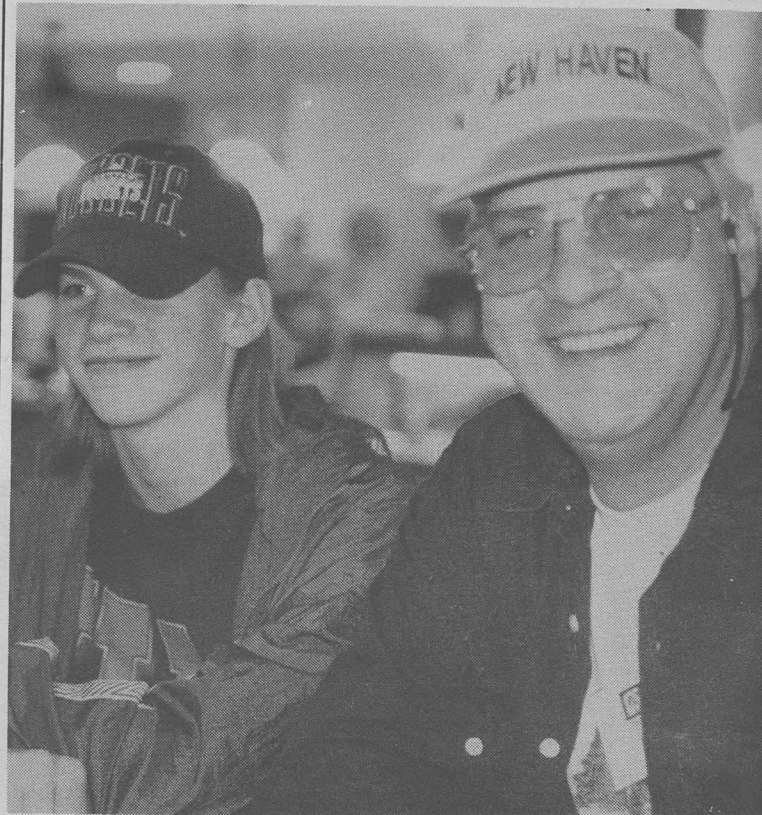


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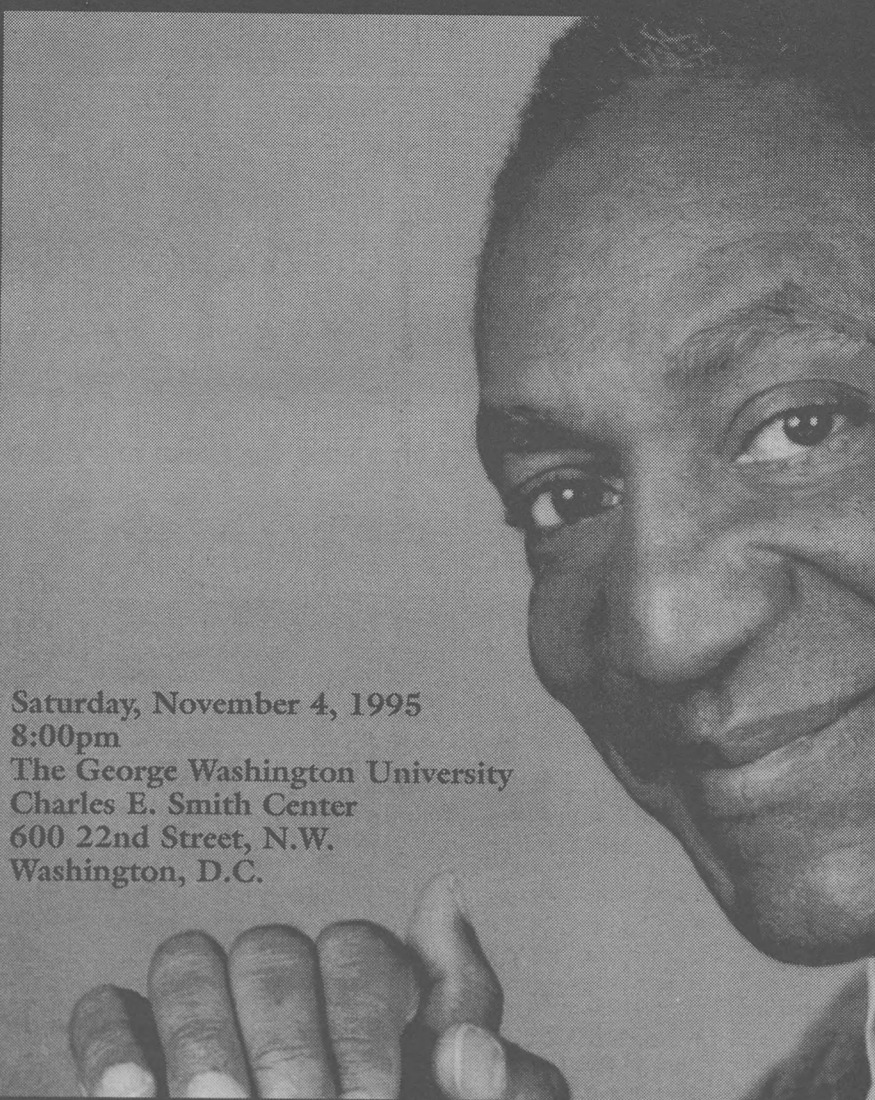
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## Undergrad tuition revenue may increase

Members of the Faculty Senate gathered Friday afternoon for their monthly meeting at the Marvin Center to discuss fiscal matters dealing with the University.

The report on the Fiscal Planning and Budgeting Committee was presented by the committee chair, economics professor Anthony Yezer, and the chair of the Executive Committee on the Faculty Senate, economics professor Joseph Pelzman.

Yezer said various sources of revenue may differ for fiscal year 1996.

"Some suggestions and changes are occurring ... so there are less surprising (things to expect next year)," he explained.

According to Yezer, there could be some revenue problems for the University next year. Yezer said undergraduate tuition revenue from 1988-95 was down and graduate revenue was up. However, he said he expects undergraduate tuition revenue will increase and graduate revenue will likely decrease for fiscal year 1996.

Yezer added that the "discount rate" - a term used for financial aid - will be reduced for undergraduate students because of the increase in revenue.

-Peter Kim

## BPU president expects 100 students to join march

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make that choice," Walker said.

So far, Crockett said, student responses to the march "have all been positive. I haven't heard of anyone who has voiced any protest."

Crockett said she will not attend the march. "It is needed for men, and I don't want to infringe upon that."

Walker said women have the option to march if they wish, though. She said the day will be "monumental" for the black com-

munity on the whole.

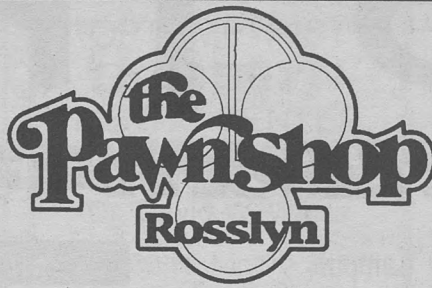
"The push is to have black men come out and make a statement to the community at large," she explained. "But women have been involved in the planning from day one. Women will be marching. Women are very much involved."

Although the University has announced classes will be held Monday, students who want to check on the status of classes can call 994-5050 all day.

-Jared Sher contributed to this report.

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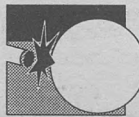
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### 175th Anniversary Events

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Ambassador Lecture Series, His Royal Highness Prince Bandar bin Sultan, Ambassador of Saudi Arabia, 4:30pm, Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre.  
CSAS Alumni Association Lecture, Jackie Ronnie "Exploring the Antarctic," GW Club, 6pm.

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

Academic Program: Technology and Health Care: Visions for the 21st Century "Lessons Learned from SimHealth, the Promise and Limits of Health Policy Simulation" John Hiles, President, Thinking Tools, Inc.  
Trisha Brown Dance Company.

#### SATURDAY OCTOBER 21

GW Troubadours Concert, Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre, 7:30pm.

Trisha Brown Dance Company.

Tour of Historic Foggy Bottom.

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

University Symphony Orchestra Concert, Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre, 7:30pm.



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#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

**Green University Initiative Research Committee Meeting**, Academic Center 6th Floor Conference Room, 10am-12pm. Info, 994-7387.

**Bible Study, Board** of Chaplains Office, 2131 G St., 8pm. Info, Erin, 994-9627.

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

**Coping with Anxiety**, University Counseling Center, time TBA. Info, Brian Victor or Anne Mills, 994-6550.

**Wooden Teeth submissions** due, Marvin Center 427, Box 24A. Info, 994-7288.

**Brothers and Sisters Roundtable**, Fungler 307 and 309, 7:30pm. Info, 994-4731.

**National Black MBAA general meeting**, location TBA, 7:30-8:30pm. Info, 994-8177 or mbaa@gwis2.

**Class Committee of 1997 meeting**, Marvin Center 404, 9pm. Info, Chava, 994-6710.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

**Financial Aid and Study Abroad info session**, Stuart Hall B03-H, 10:30am. Info, 994-1649.

**Study Abroad General information meeting**, Stuart Hall B03-H, 3pm. Info, 994-1649.

**GW Academic Success Series** - score higher on tests, University Counseling Center, 718 21st St., 4:10-5:30pm. Info, 994-6550.

**Reading and Reception**, sponsored by the GW Review, the Lenthal House, 606 21st St. (between F & G Sts.), 7pm. Info, 994-7288.

**Racism and the O.J. Simpson Trial Verdict**, sponsored by A.N.K.H. Het Auset, Academic Center, Rome Hall 204, 7:30pm. Info, Bac, 889-2925.

**Colonial Herbivores meeting**, Visitor's Center, 8pm. Info, 676-2325.

**Class Committee of 1996 meeting**, Marvin Center 404, 8pm. Info, Chava, 994-6710.

**Program Board general meeting**, Marvin Center 429, 8:30pm. Info, 994-7313.

**Program Board arts committee meeting**, Marvin Center 429, 9:30pm. Info, 994-7313.

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#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

**Study Abroad General information meeting**, Stuart Hall B03-H, 2:30pm. Info, 994-1649.

**College Democrats general meeting**, Marvin Center Colonial Commons, 7:30pm. Info, 994-4888 or 544-1735.

**MBAA trip to National Symphony Orchestra**, Kennedy Center, 7:30pm, tickets must be purchased in advance. Info, 994-8177 or mbaa@gwis2.

**MBAA Happy Hour**, Acme Bar and Grill, 9pm. Info, 994-8177 or mbaa@gwis2.

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

**Black MBAA happy hour**, location TBA, 6-8pm. Info, 994-8177 or mbaa@gwis2.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

**Wado Ryu Karate**, Marvin Center 501, 1:30-2:30pm, \$3, free to visitors. Info, 298-6531.

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

**Catholic Mass**, Newman Center, 2210 F St. NW, 11am, 12:15pm, 6pm, 10pm. Info, Father Jim Greenfield, 51-6885.

**Earthwell Meeting**, Marvin Center, 6pm. Info, 625-1918.

**Students for Environmental Action Meeting**, Marvin Center, 7pm. Info, 625-1918.

#### SPECIAL NOTICE

Colonial Cabinet Applications due, Campus Activities, Marvin Center 417, 7pm. Info, 994-6555.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Capital Commitment: the Committee of 100 on the Federal City" exhibit in the Gelman Library Special Collections Department through October 20.

"From Strength to Strength: Photographs from The George Washington University Pictorial History Book" exhibit in the Colonnade Gallery through October 20.

"Oleg Kudryashov, Moscow Remembered" exhibit in the Dimock Gallery through October 25.



# Calls to plumber went unanswered

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later to find about two inches of standing water in her room.

Finally, at about 12:30 a.m. a representative from Top Watch arrived to assess the situation. After taking one look in each room, he said, "That's a disaster," and promised to call a plumber immediately.

Giesel also suggested calling housekeeping because the water might leak through the ceiling.

At about the same time, students discovered that the two sinks in the rooms below had begun to fill, but were nowhere near the point of Giesel's and Geisler's.

"If I could've, I would have done this myself with a bottle of Drano when it first started - then maybe we wouldn't have this problem," Giesel said. "I thought it would get fixed right away. There is a major lack of communication somewhere."

"This isn't a Mitchell Hall problem - I think it's a bureaucracy problem," Herseeth added.

At about 1:25 a.m. Thursday, the plumber finally arrived. After running a metal cord down the drain for 45 feet, the clog was

cleared at 2:30 a.m.

"Normally what happens is two sinks back to back have a common stack - a pipe that picks up all the drains for the eight floors - and the clog was probably between the fourth and fifth floor," the plumber said. "I figure that a floor is about 10 feet, so I want to go even further down than that just in case."

"Doesn't look like a bottle of Drano would have done it," Geisler joked after the incident.

Officials offered the Mitchell Hall guest room to whoever wanted it, but Giesel, who experienced the most flooding, chose to sleep in a friend's room. Geisler pronounced his room fit to sleep in. Both were given damage reports to complete with the promise that anything that was ruined would be paid for by the University.

Associate Director of Campus Life Dave McElveen said he sympathized with the students.

"It should not have happened and quite frankly the students were punished unfairly. The plumber should be there in less than an hour, or maybe two if there is an emergency elsewhere," he added.

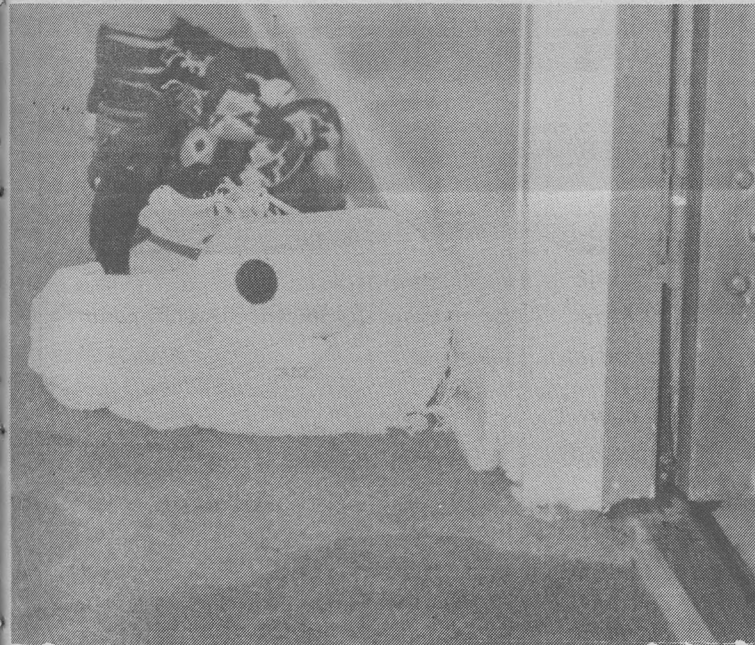


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Freshman Nora Giesel set her shoes outside her Mitchell Hall room as the water from her flooded room seeped into the hallway.

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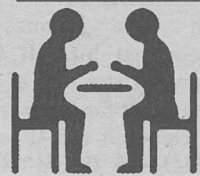
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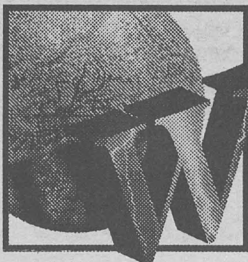
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## SPORTS

## Storm hinders GW cross country

BY SCOTT GASTEL  
HATCHET SPORTS REPORTER

GW overcame the obvious effects of rainy weather, with both the men's and women's teams coming away with third-place finishes at the Maryland Invitational, held Saturday at the University of

Maryland Golf Course.

Sophomore Lauren Edwards (20:06) once again paced the Colonials with a fourth-place finish in the women's race. Senior Deanna Reiter followed close behind in sixth place, with a time of 20:44.

John Hammond led the GW men, placing ninth overall at 27:42. Meanwhile, Jason Weber finished in 10th place for the Colonials at 27:47.

Hammond fell to the ground 30 feet before the finish mark and was passed by two Bucknell University harriers. Hammond was treated for dehydration after the race.

Sporadic showers hampered the course all morning, but were most severe during the men's race. Several runners fell throughout the course, and the finish times were below par due to the weather. Several GW runners also said the course seemed longer than five miles.

"As we were out there, it seemed we were running longer than five miles. However, it could have been the weather conditions," senior Adam Rubinstein said.

"The course was not a difficult one at all, but the rain and mud severely affected performances

and results," Jennifer Geiger added. Behind Edwards and Reiter, freshman Amanda Roebel (21:18) placed third for GW and 19th overall, while Sarah Castleberry (21:41) and Geiger (21:43) placed 26th and 27th, respectively. Courtney Bellows (21:53, 33rd) and walk-on Lisa Faia (21:55, 34th) rounded out the top seven for GW.

"We would have liked to get three runners ahead of the lead Duquesne girl, but we couldn't. We would have had a better shot at second in that case," head coach Greg Coan said. Nevertheless, Reiter's strong finish enabled GW to hold off Maryland, which featured the overall winner.

"It was at a turn during the end of the last mile that I was finally able to pull ahead of the Duquesne and Bucknell girls I had been close to all along," Reiter said.

Freshman Eric Brousseau (28:11) maneuvered himself into 15th place toward the end of the race, finishing third for GW's men. Junior Matt Hopcroft (28:45) also came on strong to finish 23rd. Three freshmen, Zac Halm (29:14, 36th), Tim Assal (29:18, 37th) and Zac Grunko (29:43, 41st) were the fifth through seventh place finishers for GW.

Overall, the men finished with 73 points, behind Bucknell and Maryland, but ahead of George Mason. The women competed in a larger field, and earned a score of 82, behind Bucknell and Duquesne. Maryland, George Mason, Old Dominion and Wagner also competed.



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## SPORTS BRIEFS

#### GW gets a new SID

Brad Bower, a name familiar to those in the local sports media scene, will have increased exposure following his recent promotion. Bower, who served as assistant sports information director for the past six years, was named director of sports information to replace Betsy Barrett, who resigned in August.

A 1987 graduate of the University of Arizona, Bower worked primarily with the women's basketball and volleyball programs during his tenure as an assistant, but now he'll work closely with every team, particularly men's basketball.

#### Koul and the gang begin practice

The GW men's basketball team began its first practice of the 1995-96 season without much fanfare Sunday. While other campuses began their season with the glamour and media attention of Midnight Madness (ESPN sportscaster and motormouth Dick Vitale hosted a nationally televised evening at the University of Maryland that featured indoor fireworks and a scrimmage), the Colonials debuted with quiet midday monotony.

The Colonials will be working rookies Egor Mechtcheriakov, Seco Camara and J.J. Brade to get them and the rest of the team ready for the Nov. 10 preseason scrimmage against the Russia Select Team from Spartak, Moscow. A week later, they will take on Court Authority, a team made up of former college players, in another preseason scrimmage. The Colonials' first official game of the season is Nov. 24 in the Red Auerbach Colonial Classic against Hartford University.

—compiled by Ben Osborne and Jim Geraghty

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## Volleyball cruises past A-10 foes

BY ADAM WILLIS  
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

The GW women's volleyball team enjoyed a relatively soft spot in its schedule this weekend, as the team went on the road to face Duquesne and St. Bonaventure. Two evenings and seven games later, the Colonial Women headed back to the District with two more victories.

The weekend provided yet another opportunity to jump into the time machine and catch a glimpse of GW's future, with many freshmen gaining extra time over the course of the two matches.

Topping the list of freshman performers was Megan Korver, whose 31 kills over the two days led the team. She also used the weekend as an opportunity to substantially lift her serving game, scoring eight aces and only four errors in the two matches.

With senior Svetlana Vtyurina sitting out most of the St. Bonaventure match, freshmen Kara Deringer and Mya Eveland seized their opportunity to put on a show. Eveland, coming off a week when she was named A-10 freshman of the week, knocked in 13 kills (her career high) and led the team with 12 digs. Deringer finished with 11 kills.

The senior class also was well represented by Vtyurina and Jill Lammert. Vtyurina knocked in a match-high 26 kills against Duquesne Friday before playing only one game Saturday. Lammert contributed 18 kills on the weekend, in addition to leading the team with 24 digs.

#### GW 3, St. Bonaventure 1

The first two games were easy, as GW built a quick 2-0 lead, but it wasn't over. The Lady Bonnies stormed back to steal the third game. The Colonial Women lowered the boom in game four and took the match 15-8, 15-9, 14-16, 15-3.

Korver took over in the kills department as Vtyurina sat out, tallying 18 by match's end. She also knocked in three aces and got eight digs. Eveland put in her impressive performance, and Lammert and Deringer knocked in 11 kills apiece. Kate Haubenreich had 48 assists.

#### GW 3, Duquesne 0

The Lady Dukes struggled all night against GW, which won 15-10, 15-5, 15-8.

Vtyurina had a short but impressive night, knocking in 26 of her 39 attempts for kills, and not committing an error. She finished with a .667 kill percentage. Vtyurina also had 14 digs, tying her for first on the team with Lammert. Korver was second in kills with 13 and added five service aces and six digs on the night. Junior Kate Haubenreich had 47 assists.

The Colonial Women are about to start a four-match home stand that begins Friday night against Virginia Tech.



## SPORTS

# Water polo caps weekend with comeback victory

BY DAVE MANN  
HATCHET SPORTS REPORTER

With 4:34 left in the fourth quarter of its final Eastern Water Polo Association game Saturday night at the Smith Center, everything was going wrong for the GW water polo team.

After a solid win over Bucknell University earlier in the day, GW came out flat in a mid-day loss to the University of Richmond, knocking the Colonials out of first place in the southern division and making the day's final game crucial.

With the clock ticking down in

the final quarter of the final game, GW trailed league power and 15th-ranked Slippery Rock University, 13-9.

Then, without warning and with the reserved confidence not usually seen in a team mostly made up of sophomores, GW came back. Within three minutes, Brent Stoll scored twice, and the Colonials struck for four unanswered goals to tie the game at 13.

With the clock showing only 40 seconds to play and the crowd on its feet, Stoll found himself in front again and spun in the winning goal. A steal by freshman Jeremy Yamamoto thwarted

Slippery Rock's last chance and sealed a thrilling 14-13 comeback win for GW and a shot at first place.

The amazing win over Slippery Rock was the key to a successful weekend for GW in the third round of the Eastern Water Polo Association playoffs. The Colonials clinched at least a tie for the southern division championship with the victory.

The team tossed head coach Andy Turnage into the pool in celebration, but the water could not dampen his spirits. "We've never beaten Slippery Rock and they've always been dominant," he said.

"If we had lost to Slippery Rock, the best we could have done was fourth place. To shut them down in the fourth and score five goals like that shows how my team is starting to mature and (is) learning how to win tight games against big teams. We're still young and we have a real bright future and I'm psyched," Turnage said.

GW finished with a 6-2 conference record and will either be first or second seed when the southern division playoffs take place Oct. 28-29. The Colonials might also break into the top 20 with their two victories this weekend.

## GW 14, Slippery Rock 13

The extremely important contest for GW was filled with excitement and intensity. The first half went back and forth, with GW controlling the game early, before Slippery Rock came alive in the second quarter and took an 8-6 halftime lead.

Slippery Rock was again in control in the third quarter and led 12-9 heading into the fourth. The Colonials came out fired up, getting good offensive pressure, but were unable to get a good shot. Slippery Rock immediately regained possession and scored



photo by Dave Flintzen

The Colonial water polo team (dark caps) splashed its way to victories in two of three games Saturday at the Smith Center pool.

again for a 13-9 lead with four minutes left, before GW came to life with its thrilling comeback.

## Richmond 10, GW 6

The Colonials came out flat against a less talented Richmond team, and the Spiders shut down the GW offense.

"They did a good job of stopping passes on the perimeter," Turnage said. "Their goalie did a great job, and I've never seen a Richmond team play like that."

The Spiders were able to hold Brent Stoll to three points and in general held the GW offense in check.

## GW 13, Bucknell 9

The first game Saturday was a battle in every sense of the word. In an important game for both

teams, GW came out fired up and took control early.

When Peter Clifford, playing with a cast on his left wrist, scored two points for GW with a minute left in the second quarter, the Colonials went up 7-2. But 19th-ranked Bucknell, a red hot team coming in, turned it around, scoring two points just as time expired in the first half to bring BU within three.

Bucknell then took control and got within one goal at 7-6. With the Colonials on their heels, Trevor Rodin launched a shot from nearly the opposite end of the pool, handcuffing Bucknell freshman goalie Zach Blixt, and got two points. On a shot which should have been stopped, GW took a 9-6 lead and cruised from there.

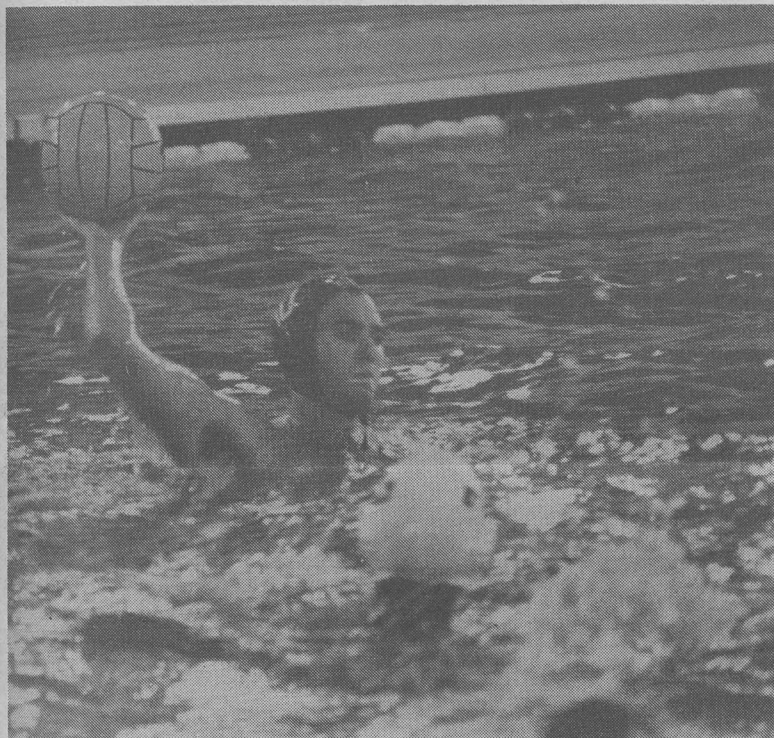


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In Saturday's early game against Bucknell, Trevor Rodin scored a remarkable goal which proved key in the Colonials' 13-9 victory.

# Men's soccer team can't escape its slump, falls to La Salle in OT, 2-1

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The GW men's soccer team appeared to regain some of its composure and early season form, but still managed to go only 1-1 on this weekend's road trip.

The past month has been a tough one for the Colonials. After opening the season with a 5-1 mark, GW has gone 1-4-1 in its last six games.

The slump is not totally indicative of the Colonials' play. Two of the four losses and the tie were all overtime games in which GW led at one point.

## La Salle 2, GW 1 (OT)

The jinx continued for the Colonials as they lost their third overtime game of the season Sunday at La Salle.

The winning goal came with a scant 10 minutes remaining in the final overtime period. La Salle's Cesidio Colasante, the Atlantic 10's leading scorer, scored his second goal of the game off a pass from Mike Comey.

As with almost every loss this season, GW held the lead first. Senior Matt Nesbitt broke the scoreless tie early in the second half on a direct kick.

The Colonials, however, were not able to hold onto the lead. At the 80-minute mark, Colasante netted his first goal and sent the game into overtime.

A penalty call late in the game severely hurt GW.

Nesbitt received a yellow and red card almost simultaneously and was ejected in the final minutes of regulation, forcing the Colonials to play overtime a man short.

## GW 4, Fordham 1

The Colonials opened the weekend with an impressive A-10 victory Friday at Fordham.

The go-ahead goal came 38 minutes into the first half. Freshman Chris Jones received the ball off an indirect kick by Nesbitt and headed in the decisive goal.

Jones also opened the scoring for the Colonials. Less than 10 minutes had elapsed in the game when Ben Hatton's deflected goal shot was controlled by Jones and blasted past the goalkeeper.

The Rams quickly answered GW's goal with one of their own. Fordham's Robert Zulich received a pass from Dave Shulinovich and knotted the game at 1-1.

With a 2-1 advantage at halftime, the Colonials came out in the second half and put the game away.

Matt Ferry scored on a header at the 54-minute mark off a crossing pass from Chris Jones, and Steve Masten scored another goal in the final 15 minutes.

Another bright spot for the Colonials was the play of senior goaltender Ward McIntyre. Although Fordham outshot GW 20 to 12, McIntyre's nine saves went a long way in securing victory.

The Colonials' record for the season now goes to 7-6-1 overall and 3-5 in the A-10.

# GW winning streak halted by James Madison, 2-0

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The Colonial Women came into Thursday's game at James Madison University riding a three-game winning streak. They were playing their best soccer of the season and seemed to be coming together as a team.

Unfortunately for GW, the 24th-ranked Lady Dukes had a four-game winning streak of their own, and were also playing their best soccer of the season. It was GW's streak that came to an end as James Madison won 2-0 in a game that was closer than the score.

The Colonial Women continue to struggle against non-conference foes, as they only have been victorious once in six games this season, and fell to 7-5-1 overall.

JMU got on the scoreboard early as senior Ashley Williamson took a pass from Therese Wolden and scored at the 4:59 mark. The score remained at 1-0 for the remainder of the first half as both teams struggled to gain the advantage.

With two minutes remaining in the game and the deficit still one, GW head coach Shannon Higgins-Cirovski attempted to pull goalie Adrienne Pheil to get an extra scorer on the field. This plan quickly backfired as the ball got behind the Colonial Women and into the empty net to make the final score 2-0.

GW had numerous chances to score as it notched 20 shots for the afternoon. The Lady Dukes topped that performance as they fired 22 shots on Pheil, who had seven saves in goal in her first loss of the season. Stacy Bilodeau tallied seven saves for James Madison.

Despite the loss, the Colonial Women remain upbeat. "We feel good about the big-time games (against the universities of Virginia and Maryland and the College of William and Mary) in front of us," Higgins-Cirovski said. Looking ahead to the rest of the season, Higgins-Cirovski said, "The NCAA's could happen."

Saturday's game against Temple was canceled because of rain.



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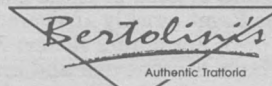
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